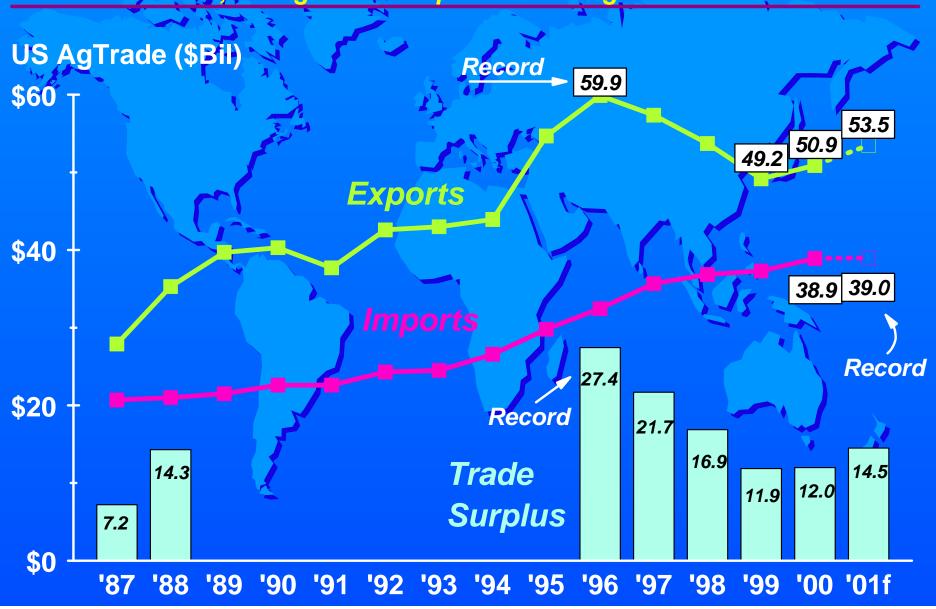


# Quarterly Export Forecasts for Agricultural, Fishery & Forest Products

USDA's "Outlook for US Agricultural Trade" for Fiscal 2001
was released on June 1, 2001
CMP/FAS/USDA

### **U.S.** Agricultural Trade

Export Chgs from 2000 to 2001: horticultural & animal hides support the overall increase; no significant improvement in grain & oilseeds outlook



### Summary of Major Changes in the Export Outlook

### 2001 (chg since last quarter)

#### **Exports**

- ✓ Animal hide exports sharply increase (+\$400 mil) due to strong China sales & rising price
- Cotton exports are reduced (-\$200 million) due to lower prices & slower export volume
- ✓ Soybean volume is raised 700,000 tons (China sales), but lower prices leaves value unchanged
- Corn volume lowered 4.4 MMT due to greater competition from China, Brazil & Argentina
- ✓ Ag Exports to China raised \$500 million to \$2.3 billion (soybeans, hides)
- ✓ Ag Exports to Mexico raised \$300 million to \$7.4 billion.

### **Imports**

✓ Forecast lowered \$1 billion to \$39 billion, largely due to lower coffee prices and prices of other tropical products

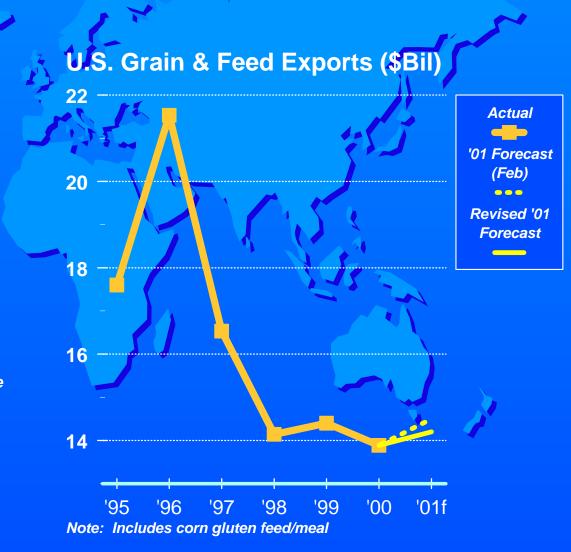
## Export Outlook for Grain & Feed Revised Forecast for 2001: \$\sqrt{9}\$ \$300 Million to \$14.2 Billion

### Revised FY 2001 Forecast (since Feb)

### Key Upside Developments

- Wheat prices strengthen due to smaller 2001/02 wheat crop & lower stocks (prices currently near 5-year avg)
- Corn & sorghum exports to Mexico are strong

- Wheat vol lowered 900,000 tons due to smaller 2001/02 US crop & increased SHemisphere competition
- Corn vol lowered 4.5 million tons to 47.5 million tons due to competition from China, Brazil & Argentina
- Increased competition continue to pressure rice prices lower; export vol is reduced



## Export Outlook for Oilseeds & Products Revised Forecast for 2001: \$\hbar{1}\$ \$350 Million to \$8.8 Billion

### Revised FY 2001 Forecast, (since Feb)

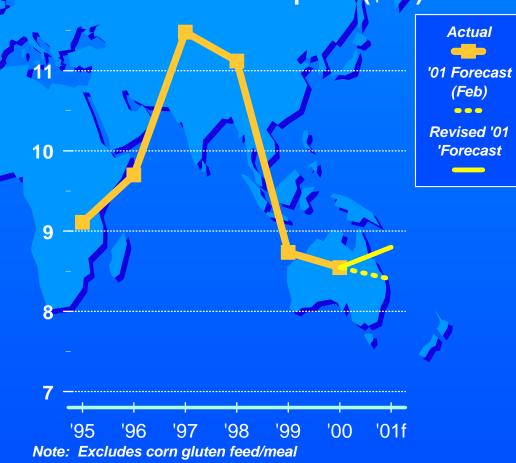
#### Key Upside Developments

- Competitive prices & strong foreign demand boost US soybean exports
- Foreign demand for soy flours, isolates, concentrates & other minor products boost the overall forecast
- Low prices curb foreign planting of high-oil crops

#### **Key Downside Developments**

Increased demand for oilseeds reduced US soybean meal exports

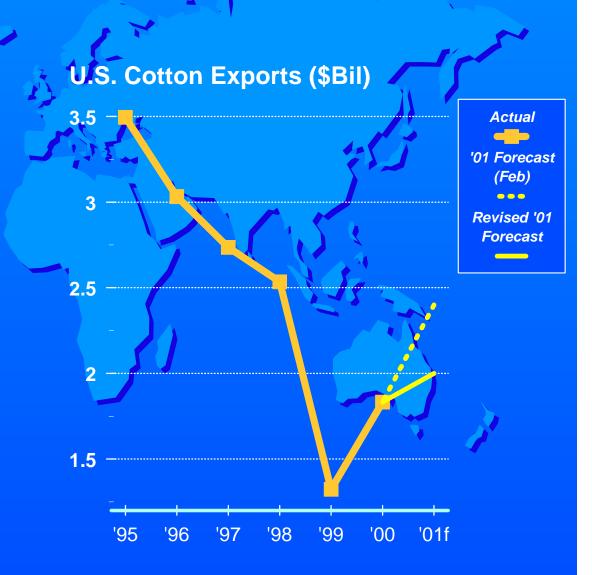
### US. Oilseed & Prod Exports (\$Bil)



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### Revised FY 2001 Forecast (since Feb)

- Prices are down sharply, in part due to the large US crop resulting from program support
- Exports have slowed to several markets, including Mexico (reduced US textile activity) and Turkey (financial markets)



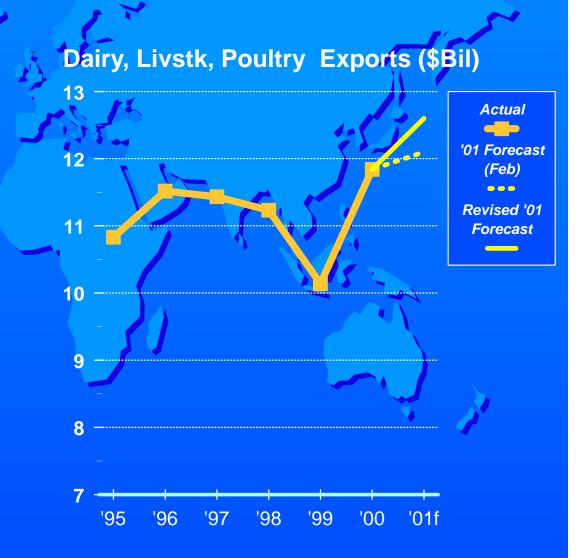
## Export Outlook for DL&P Products Revised Forecast for 2001: \$\hat{1}\$ \$500 Million to \$12.6 Billion

### Revised FY 2001 Forecast (since Feb)

#### Key Upside Developments

- Record cattle hide exports to China/Hong Kong; sales to Korea are recovering
- Poultry & pork expand in Japan and Russia

- Beef exports slowed by relatively higher prices, especially to Japan
- Some rendered products fell due to BSE concerns



### **Export Outlook for Horticultural Products**

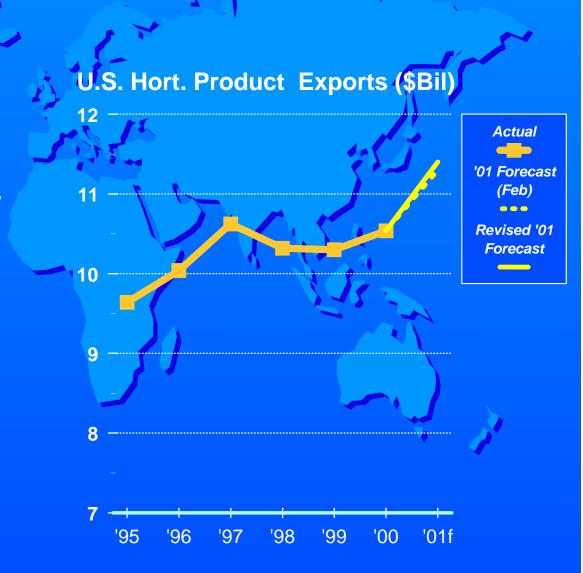
Revised Forecast for 2001: \$\frac{1}{4}\\$100 Million to \$11.4 Billion

### Revised FY 2001 Forecast (since Feb)

#### Key Upside Developments

- Tree nut exports increased 9% to \$1.2 billion due to high prices and strong sales vols
- Sales to Canada & Mexico remain strong

- Some decline in the value of wine exports
- Sales to Japan are slow



## Export Outlook for Fishery Products Revised Forecast for 2001: \$\hat{1}\$ \$100 Million to \$2.9 Billion

### Revised FY 2001 Forecast (since Feb)

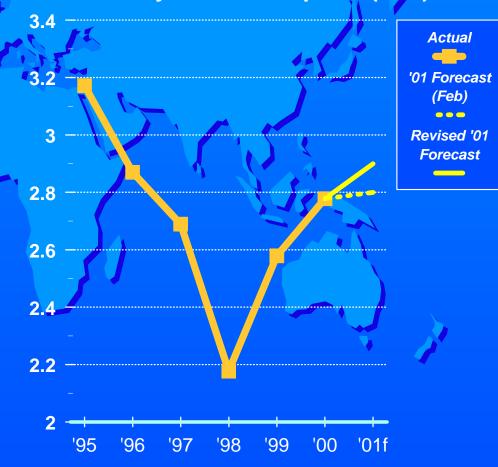
#### **Key Upside Developments**

- exports to Japan, our top market, are up 17% over 2000 due to increased pollock fillet & roe sales
- EU demand for fishery products is rising due to foot-and-mouth disease outbreak concerns
- pollock total allowable catch for 2001 is up 23 %

#### **Key Downside Developments**

- the Alaska sockeye salmon harvest is forecast to be down 14 %
- strong competition from Chile, China, Norway, and Russia

### **U.S. Fishery Product Exports (\$Bil)**



## Export Outlook for Solid Wood Products Revised Forecast for 2001: \$\square\$ \$300 Million to \$6.0 Billion

### Revised FY 2001 Forecast (since Feb)

#### Key Upside Developments

- Exports to Mexico are up 2% on increased demand for Oriented Strand Board (OSB)

- Exports to Canada are down 3% due to increased Canadian panel production
- Exports to the EU are down 10% due to the strong dollar and competition from Eastern Europe and Russia

